



607.07 Firearms Control

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607.07-1 Policy

- I. Law enforcement personnel responding to emergency situations, specifically hostage/riot or barricaded subject with a deadly weapon will be allowed to carry weapons within the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Jail facility only as authorized by the Sheriff, Jail Administrator, or Officer-in-Charge (OIC). No other individuals shall enter the HCSO Jail facility with firearms, ammunition, or any other weapon.
- II. The HCSO Jail facility shall have lockers available that shall serve as weapons depositories. Under no circumstance shall weapons or ammunition be placed in a desk drawer or area accessible to inmates.
- III. HCSO Detention Deputies, HCSO Law Enforcement Deputies, visiting law enforcement officers, and other authorized persons shall adhere to loading and unloading of firearms procedures ensuring these actions present the least possible danger. Such loading/unloading is to be accomplished only in areas designated for this purpose.
- IV. Detention Deputies supervising inmates outside the facility perimeter shall follow procedures for the security of firearms.
- V. Firearms are subject to stringent safety regulations and inspections.

607.07-2 Storing Firearms and Ammunition

- I. Handgun storage:
 - A. Handgun storage be in weapons lockers located next to the in the lobby, or the vehicle sally port of the facility. Firearms may also be secured in the vehicle trunk.
 - B. Handguns will not be unloaded.
 - C. Revolvers shall be stored in weapons lockers with the cylinder in a semi-closed position resting on the cylinder housing.
 - D. Handguns shall not be stored in the Jail.

607.07-3 Authorized Carrying of Firearms

- I. Detention Deputies may carry firearms as stated in the HCSO Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Initial firearms proficiency certification is obtained through the course of instruction presented during the corrections academy firearms training course, with subsequent re-certification during annual in-service firearms training as stated in HCSO SOP Manual.
- II. Transport Deputies are authorized by the Jail Administrator or designee to carry firearms when transporting inmates to any location outside the facility, and shall be qualified with the HCSO personal sidearm. **(See Section 607.11, Inmate Transport)**
- III. Only firearms, ammunition, holsters and accessories as indicated in the HCSO SOP Manual, are authorized for use by HCSO Detention Deputies.
- IV. For orders concerning carrying firearms off-duty and other orders regarding firearms see HCSO SOP Manual.

607.7.4 Loading and Unloading Firearms

- I. Firearms shall not be introduced into the HCSO Jail facility except as specified and authorized. To ensure that loading and unloading of firearms present the least possible danger, the following shall apply:
 - A. Sidearm shall not be unloaded prior to storage in weapons lockers.

607.07-5 Firearms Maintenance

- I. Sidearm and ammunition shall be inventoried monthly, with any discrepancies immediately reported to the Corrections Lieutenant.
- II. Sidearm will be cleaned and ammunition inspected at least once a month by a qualified Deputy designated by the Jail Administrator, or designee. A firearms maintenance log shall be maintained.
- III. Sidearm shall be maintained in clean condition and good working order by the individual Deputy and shall be inspected by the Range Manager or designee prior to annual in-service qualification, and as stated in HCSO SOP Manual.

REFERENCES

State/Federal Regulations:
Florida Model Jail Standards

FCAC:
N/A

PREA:
N/A

Forms:

N/A

Other Policy/ Procedure References:

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